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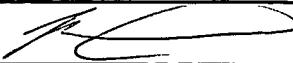
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Title: **Etch Back Process Using  
Nitrous Oxide**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to an office action mailed March 16, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application. Allowance of pending claims 1-4, 6-20, 24-26 in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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